

Abe Sailors Explore Recreation Fair

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Sailors from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) took time out of their work day Wednesday, November 8 to check out some of the activities the Pacific Northwest has to offer.

Lincoln’s Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) helped to sponsor the Northwest Information Fair, which brought nearly 30 vendors from the Puget Sound area to the Naval Base Kitsap gymnasium in Bremerton, Wash.

According to Airman Chris Devilbliss, of Lincoln MWR, the goal of the event was to inform Lincoln Sailors of the many activities available to them while serving in the region.

“Even while we’re in drydock, it’s important to know that there’s still a lot to do in the area,” Devilbliss said. “The total goal of what we’re doing today is to inform Sailors about what types of things are available to them in the area, and how they can get involved. We have the opportunity to serve in a really awesome part of the country, so we should take advantage of it.”

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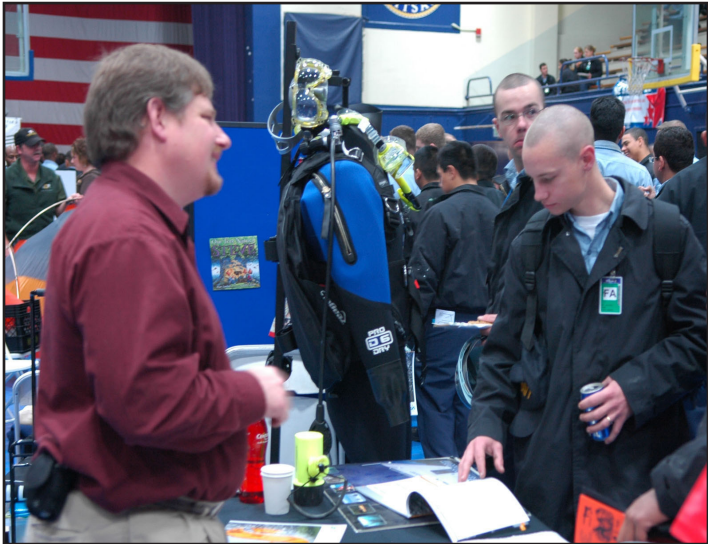


Photo by MC3 Brett Morton

Sailors from USS Abraham Lincoln check out Naval Base Kitsap and Lincoln’s MWR Recreational Fair held Wednesday, November 8. The fair brought vendors from around the Puget Sound area who offered information to the Sailors on activities to do in the Pacific Northwest while Lincoln undergoes Dry-dock Planned Incremental Availability (DPIA) period.

Elementary School Receives Visit from Abe Sailor

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Lt. Cmdr. John Filostrat, USS Abraham Lincoln’s Public Affairs Officer and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) visited Naval Avenue Elementary School to commemorate Veterans Day. The November 8 visit was part of a program called “Veterans in the Classroom,” in which service members interact with school children to give them a basic understanding of what the military is all about.

VFA is a nationwide group made up

military veterans who have served overseas or in a military conflict. Fred Green, Post Commander of one of five Bremerton posts, and his wife Rose, President of the Ladies Auxiliary Group were responsible for bringing Filostrat to Naval Avenue Elementary.

“We know that a more hands-on approach has more of an impact on children,” Green said. “We are trying to bring servicemembers in contact with children, so that they can teach the children their experiences.”

At the school assembly Principal Gretch-

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Photo by MC3 Patrick Bonafede

Students at Naval Avenue Elementary School in Bremerton, Wash. gather to hear Lt. Cmdr. John Filostrat, Abe’s Public Affairs Officer, during a Veterans Day ceremony on Wednesday, November 8.

At The Movies

'Fictional' Tale Brings Heartwarming Story

By MC2(SW) Dan Cleary

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Hello moviegoers! This week's movie is the comedy "Stranger Than Fiction" starring Will Ferrell (*Anchorman*), Maggie Gyllenhaal (*Mona Lisa Smile*), Queen Latifah (*Last Holiday*), Emma Thompson (*Love Actually*), and Dustin Hoffman (*Meet the Fockers*).

Stranger Than Fiction follows the life of Harold Crick (*Will Ferrell*), a solitary and calculating IRS agent. Harold's life is filled with numbers and precise calculations, but very little words. He lives alone, eats alone, and counts his brush strokes when cleaning his teeth.

Things would have stayed this way if not for the intervention of a female voice that seems to be narrating every detail of Harold's life and his imminent death. Desperate for answers, Harold seeks out medical attention. The doctors tell him that it might be schizophrenia, but he refuses to believe that. So, since Harold seems to be in some kind of story he decide to seek a literature professor, and this leads him to Professor Jules Hilbert (*Dustin Hoffman*).

The good professor tells Harold that he might be able to change

his fate if his life is a comedy, and not the tragedy it seems to be. Taking the professor's words to heart, Harold decides to turn a new leaf.

Harold now seems to be enjoying life instead of just living it. He goes out to the movies, practices playing guitar, and has even found a love interest in rebellious baker Ana Pascal (*Maggie Gyllenhaal*). It seems Harold just might have changed his fate and live happily ever after, until one day, just by chance he overhears the female narrator's voice on the TV.

He finds out the voice is novelist Karen Eiffel (*Emma Thompson*). Upon discovering this, Harold tells Professor Hilbert whom the voice belongs to. Professor Hilbert grimly tells Harold that Karen Eiffel had killed off all her main characters. Harold must get into contact with Ms. Eiffel quick, before she ends the life that he has so recently discovered.

The best way to describe this movie is heartwarming. The whole cast played such loveable characters, and the movie had such a uplifting beat. Another cool quality to this movie is its look. The filmmaker used graphics to display what Harold Crick thinks. It was very different and entertaining.

If the rain is getting you down, go see this movie and it'll put some happy back into your feet.

Uplifting beat and loveable characters earns Stranger Than Fiction 4 out of 5 Dano's.



Had a drink? Get a ride!
Call (425)530-1934 for Abe's Smart Ride.
A phone call now can save you a headache later.



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Loss of USS Juneau (CL-52) during Battle of Guadalcanal results in the loss of the five Sullivan brothers.

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MWR

MWR Offers Chance to Win Free Trip to Australia

By Navy MWR Marketing

Special to the Penny Press

Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is giving away two trips to Australia and a host of other prizes in a contest ending Dec. 1. Winners will be drawn the week of Jan. 15 in a contest held by a partnership between MWR's Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) office, Qantas Airlines and Military Tours.

Two winners and one guest each will win an 11-day/8-night trip to Australia (includes travel days and time zone differences). The grand prizes, which are valued at more than \$8,750 each, include airfare from the contestants' chosen ITT office to Australia, accommodations and two land tours.

"A special user-friendly Web site has been set up at www.ittaustralia.com which allows authorized MWR customers to enter the contest, learn about the different vacation destinations in Australia or plan their own trip," said Dawn E. Smith, Navy MWR's ITT program manager. "The contest is also being offered at participat-

ing Marine Corps Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT) offices and Army Information, Tickets and Reservation (ITR) offices."

To enter, MWR customers should visit www.ittaustralia.com between now and Dec. 1, and complete the online entry form, which will be electronically forwarded to their chosen ITT office for entry into the local contest. Each local ITT office's first place winner will then be entered in the grand prize drawing.

All entries must be received by close of business, local time on Dec. 1 to be eligible for the contest. Customers without Internet access should visit their local ITT office to enter online. Each participating ITT office will conduct their local contest Dec. 1-8. If your local ITT/ITR office does not offer this contest, choose the closest base that is participating. A list of participating ITT/ITR offices may be viewed at www.ittaustralia.com. Drawing for the grand prize will take place the week of Jan. 15, and the grand prize winners will be notified by Jan. 24.

For more information on the local contests, visit your ITT office. For complete rules and entry into the grand prize drawing, visit www.ittaustralia.com



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en Peters and librarian Julie Wasserburger sent a message to the 300 students sitting in the school's gymnasium. They told the children how brave men and women make sacrifices to maintain our country's freedom.

The school assembly included a flag ceremony and pledge of allegiance, singing of patriotic songs, essay readings from three of the students and an introduction to the VFW, and the speech by Filostrat.

Filostrat brought the USS Abraham Lincoln's 2006 cruise book video to show the students what it is like to be at sea. At least

three students from the school's yearbook staff described the video as "awesome."

The Greens said if they are able to incorporate "Veterans in the Classroom" more often, it will most likely make a more lasting memory and deeper impression on school children of how they view the military, its service members and our country.

Final Words



Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



Photo By Lt. Cmdr. John Filostrat

CAPT C.A. McCawley, USS Abraham Lincoln's Commanding Officer, lays a wreath at the base of a statue dedicated to Abraham Lincoln in Hingham, Mass. on Friday, November 10. McCawley was in his hometown of Hingham to deliver a keynote speech at its Veterans Day celebration. Hingham is also considered the hometown of Abraham Lincoln's ancestors.

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Each vendor set up a separate booth with displays informing Sailors about upcoming tours, trips and discounts available to them. Booths for various activities were represented in the fair, from ice skating to rock climbing and SCUBA certification courses.

While the ship is in Bremerton, Wash., there are vendors from the city to help inform Sailors of opportunities in the local area.

Joe Holmes, the director of outdoor programs for Vertical World, was on hand to introduce Sailors to the sport of rock climbing in the Bremerton and Everett area.

"We have programs available to those living on both sides of the Sound," Holmes said. "We have trips scheduled through your MWR to go top rope climbing and bouldering to a couple of different places.

We'd also like to get a trip together to go to Leavenworth in the summer."

Michael Kundu, marketing specialist for Naval Station Everett, was at the gym to inform Sailors residing on the east side of Puget Sound that there are plenty of activities available to Sailors in their homeport of Everett, Wash.

"On November 16th, we're having our annual Winter Expo at The Commons," Kundu said. "There'll be representatives from Whistler, Snoqualmie, Stevens Pass and Mount Baker selling discounted lift tickets." According to Kundu, the Winter Expo will also feature local merchants selling winter sports gear.

Whether living on the Everett side or the Bremerton side, the Northwest Information Fair provided plenty of details for Lincoln Sailors to enjoy their time while the ship is in drydock.

Editor's Top 10

You know the Holidays are coming when...

10. Wal-mart has had their Christmas decorations on sale for two weeks.
9. Your kids have already finished their Christmas lists to Santa.
8. All the turkeys have gone into the Witness Protection Program.
7. There's not one, not two, but THREE football games on Thanksgiving
6. Your neighbors have already begun to string their Christmas lights.
5. Bette Midler's comeback album is a Christmas one.
4. The new TMX Elmo doll is nowhere to be found.
3. The "hottest, must-have" toys should have been bought three months ago.
2. Santa has taken refuge in the mall a good two weeks before Thanksgiving.
1. Finding a parking space at any mall is like finding the Holy Grail.